

2/14/2011

SENATE TAXATION  
EXHIBIT NO. 9  
DATE 2.16.11  
BILL NO. SB281

Senator Bruce Tutvedt:

I am writing in hopes that this will assist in passing bill SB281. I am the Director of Nursing at Rosebud Healthcare Center Long Term Care. Our Elders have family here and without our Nursing Home they would have to move to Miles City or Billings. The drive to another Nursing home for families to visit their loved ones in Miles City or Billings can become difficult during the winter months, calving months, planting etc. Let alone the expense of traveling.

I see a lot of areas that this bill if passed, could assist in making the lives of many of our Elders whom are from this area more pleasant and comfortable.

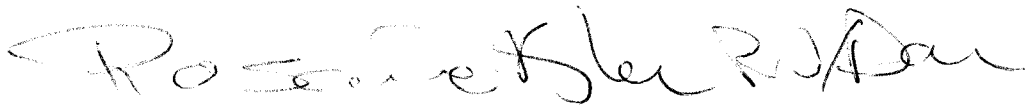
Some of the areas that would benefit from this bill would be:

1. Replacement of outdated beds that constantly need repaired. Old hospital beds from 197, and some from Billings Clinic Hospital which are older than these. This includes the mattresses, which are used 365 days a year and have been used for more than 10 years. All our beds are old.
2. The need for Hi- Lo beds for those whom have a high risk for falls.
3. Wheel Chairs that no longer can be repaired due to being outdated and unable to get parts for them. Also the need for larger wheel chairs which also means higher cost for these
4. Beriatic beds as there is an increase of obesity in our elderly, requiring larger beds that cost approx \$5,000 each.

5. Last, but not least, a tub, as the one we have is quite old -30+ years- and is always requiring maintenance to keep it meeting safety codes

These are a few things that I feel would be a blessing for our loved ones. I feel this is not too much to ask for in making their last days, months, years as comfortable as we can.

With my deepest concern and sincerity:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rosario Klar RN, DON". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Rosario Klar RN, DON